



WHAT WE DO — AND WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Established in 1986, the Down Syndrome Association of Connecticut is an organization made up of people of all ages with Down syndrome, parents, caregivers, professionals, and health care providers who are all working together to ensure that all individuals in our community living with Down syndrome have every opportunity to achieve their full individual potential.

FIRST CALL: EXPECTANT/NEW PARENT SUPPORT:

- Newborn support visits upon request
- New parent welcome packages
- Referral assistance to families

RESOURCE GROUPS:

- Siblings First Call provides support to siblings
- County family support groups

AWARENESS:

- Member newsletters e-blasts on DS ACT activities and county events
- Social media
- World Down Syndrome Day activities
- Book donation program

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY:

- Expertise in disability legislation
- Advocacy through in-person meetings with legislators, petitions, letter writing, and testimonies

SOCIAL EVENTS:

- Spring Fling
- Summer picnic
- Halloween party
- Holiday party
- Playgroups
- Parent and caregiver events

EDUCATION:

- Medical outreach
- Learning and Education Center
- School consultations
- Advocacy Avengers, a monthly educational and social program for people with Down syndrome ages 16+
- Workshops for parents and caregivers
- Host and sponsor presentations

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Mini grants
- Camp grants
- Educational service discount rates

